Above: the Staircase of the « Bollori ». - To the right: the mythological winged horse Pegasus born from the blood of the decapitated Medusa was carved in travertine by Gillis van den Vliete and placed on the top of the artificial mountain which represents the mountains of Tivoli in the Oval Fountain. Just as Pegasus's flight from Mount Helicon caused the spring of Hippocrene (sacred to the Muses) to gush forth, this point marks the origin of the Tiburtine rivers.